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## Incidental Business Permits

Incidental Business Permits (IBP's) authorize companies or individuals to conduct business in Rocky Mountain National Park on an annual basis. An IBP provides a group a non-exclusive license to offer services to park visitors.

An organization is considered a business if you provide goods, services, activities, or other things to the public using National Park Service lands. If you receive any form of compensation for the things you provide you are conducting a business or commercial activity. The National Park Service definition of a business or commercial organization does not distinguish between commercial and non-profit organizations.

IBP activities must be appropriate to the mission of the park, compliment resource protection, visitor protection and interpretation goals, and not pose any potential for derogation of values or purposes for which the park was established. They must be consistent with the park's future plans as well as present operations. They should be compatible with the planning documents for the park. The park will not normally limit the number of organizations that offer similar services or activities.

IBP holders have their base of operation outside the park. All the commercial aspects of the activity must occur outside of NPS lands. This includes marketing, advertising, use of permanent or temporary structures, and negotiation with customers. Compensation or payment for services, (even tipping) may not occur on NPS lands.

Some activities are authorized under Concessions Contracts, which are exclusive multi-year authorizations to provide goods and services. Horseback rides, wood sales, merchandise operations, backpacking tours, and climbing trips and classes are operated under Concessions Contracts. To obtain more information about these services, call the Concessions Office at (970) 586-1209. Do not use the IBP application to apply for these services.

Currently, the following activities are permitted under the IBP program:

Frontcountry bicycle tours  
Interpretive hiking tours  
Photography workshops  
Portrait photography sessions  
Guided backpacking

Snowshoe & ski tours  
Fly fishing instruction  
Llama packing services  
Shuttle services  
Art classes

The cost for an IBP is \$200 per year for each activity. You can access the IBP application ([hyperlink here](#)) to apply for an IBP.